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KELKAJ VORTOJ PRI LA KONGRESO

De JOHN MERCHANT, *Prezidanto de la Brita Esperantista Asocio.*

Mi jam ricevis multajn leterojn de samideanoj, kiuj ĉeestis la Britan Kongreson en la belega kaj historiplena urbego Chester. Ĉiu konsentas, ke la kongreso estis unu el la plej gajaj kaj ĝuindaj ĝis nun spertitaj en ĉi tiu lando; ke bonega spirito de amikeco regis en ĉiu koro; ke la aranĝoj estis kontentigaj kaj imitindaj. Sed ĉiu skribinto petas, ke en la estonteco oni evitu diskutojn pri temoj, kiujn oni ne komprenas, kaj pri kiuj oni certe neniam entuziasmiĝos. Kelkaj asertas, ke la Ĉiujara Kunveno estis difektita per la diskuto pri internaciaj aferoj; aliaj diras, ke estas la devo de la konsilantaro mem fari definitivajn decidojn pri tiaj aferoj, kaj ne tedi la kongresanojn pri ili.

Mi konfesas, ke ĝis nun ni britoj ne sufiĉe interesiĝis pri la organizo de nia movado laŭ la internacia vidpunkto. Ni sentis, ke sufiĉas, ke ni laboru ĉe nia propra Asocio kaj nia propra regiono. Tamen, la tago jam alvenis, kiam ni nepre devas partopreni en la agado de la movado internacie ankaŭ, ĉar hodiaŭ la tuta mondo sin turnas al Britujo por helpo kaj gvido. Sed mi promesas, ke oni ne diskutos tiajn aferojn en niaj Kongresoj sen vera neceso, kaj ne doninte al la kongresanoj plenan okazon antaŭe informiĝi pri la temo diskutota.

Mi jam skribis al la organizintoj de Chester por danki ilin tutkore pro ilia meritita kaj sukcesa laborado. Ili respondis, ke ili sentas grandan ĝojon el la fakto, ke la vizitintoj tiom multe ŝatis iliajn klopodojn. Niaj geamikoj Mezlandaj devas trovi kuraĝon el la fakto, ke la kongreso en Chester estis plene sukcesa, ne nur je la sociala, sed ankaŭ je la financa flanko. S-ro Goldsmith jam komencis sian laboron por 1925, kaj mi esperas post nelonge renkontiĝi kun la Federacianoj por helpi pliardigi la fajrerojn de entuziasmo en la koroj de la duonvarmuloj.

La Reĝo mortis: Vivu la Reĝon! Per tiuj vortoj mi intencas diri, ke 1923-24, kun siaj sukcesoj kaj kun siaj malfacilaĵoj, estas afero de hieraŭ; ke 1924-25 nun bezonas nian helpon. Mi estas plena de entuziasmo por ĉi tiu nova jaro. La fideleco de niaj samideanoj estas vere mirinda. Oni petas helpon, kaj ili tuj respondas laŭ tre malavara grado. Je la nuna tempo mi ricevis invitojn iri al multaj diversaj kunvenoj tra la lando. Ŝajne ĉiuj deziras montri, ke ili marŝas antaŭen. Mi havas kuraĝon kaj paciencon, tamen la pacienco malpligrandiĝas, kiam oni diras, ke la celo estos atingita nur post 100 jaroj!! Por mi la celo staras tute proksime. Mi vidas ĝin klare, kaj nur restas kun mi, ĉu mi atingos ĝin post nelonga tempo, aŭ ne. Per senĉesa laborado ni povas rapide plenumi la taskon. Mi marŝas al la celo hodiaŭ . . Venu kun mi, karaj geamikoj!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE B.E.A.

Report of the Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the British Esperanto Association, Incd., held in the Freemasons' Hall, Hunter Street, Chester, on Saturday, 7 June, 1294, at 7 p.m.

In the Chair: Mr. John Merchant. About 100 Members and Fellows were present. The Secretary read the list of Group Representatives and called for and read proxy forms.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from various members unable to attend.

Greetings. It was announced that greetings had been sent to the Congresses in Belgium, France, and Germany. On the motion of Mr. Applebaum it was decided to send a letter of greeting to Prof. Cart, who was seriously unwell.

Annual Report. The Annual Report was considered, and questions were asked and answered on various points. Mr. Warden took exception to the Association appearing as a debtor to the Publications Committee in the Publications Fund Accounts, and the Council was asked to consider the point with the Auditors. On the motion of the President, the report was passed with acclamation.

Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet. The adoption of the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet was moved by Col. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Pratt, and carried unanimously.

Election of Hon. President. The President moved that Mr. J. M. Warden be elected Hon. President of the Association in succession to the late Dr. L. L. Zamenhof, and spoke of Mr. Warden's work for the Association in the difficult years during the war and after. The motion having been accepted, Mr. Warden expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him.

Ballot for New Officers and Councillors. The Secretary, as Returning Officer, reported the result of the ballot as follows:

President: John Merchant.
Vice-Presidents: J. J. Boutwood, J.P., W. E. Clayton, O.B.E., Prof. W. E. Collinson, M.A., Ph.D.
Hon. Treasurer: Charles A. Fairman.
Hon. Secretary: Charles H. Edmonds.
Councillors: (retiring in 1927) Miss Baird, P. Blaise, B. E. Long, Col. Robinson.

Vote of thanks to Mr. Robertson. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Robertson for the work he had done for the Association as Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Robertson, in thanking the meeting, said that although he had felt compelled to relinquish the office of Hon. Treasurer, he would gladly give what help he might be able to give in other capacities.

Auditors. Mr. Harvey moved, Mr. Wadham seconded, and it was unanimously carried that Messrs. H. S. Baker and Co. be elected Auditors for the coming year at the same fee as for the year ended 31st December, 1923.

Guarantee Supplementary Fund 1923. It was announced that donations to the Guarantee Supplementary Fund had been received making up the total required, viz., £242 13 0. The President expressed thanks to all the friends who had contributed toward the Fund.

Guarantee Fund 1924. It was announced that Guarantees had been received amounting to £426. In response to an appeal by the President this total was raised at the meeting to £466.

Plans for the future. The Hon. Secretary briefly reviewed the work done in the preceding year. He pointed out that for the future two policies were possible—to run the Association as a family gathering in the interests of its members, and live at all costs within income; or to raise money from the members for the propaganda of Esperanto outside of the membership, even though the members themselves—with a smaller magazine and in other ways—received less return for their subscription.

An expression of opinion being asked for, the opinion of the meeting, as expressed by Mr. Sturge and Mr. Elliott, and afterwards shown by acclamation, was unanimously against the policy of limiting work to anticipated normal income, when some definite important work needed to be done, even if this work would necessitate an appeal for funds for the purpose.

John Pollen Memerial Fund. It was announced that the Council had approved in principle of the founding of a John Pollen Memorial Prize Fund, details to be worked out by the Literary Committee in accordance with a general scheme approved by the Council.

H.B.M. Memoral Fund. Mr. B. Chatterton (retiring by rotation) was re-elected a Trustee of this Fund.

Mr. Won Kenn. On the motion of Mr. Edmonds, seconded by Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Won Kenn was unanimously elected an Honorary Fellow of the Association.

The Future of the Association. In connection with the expiry of the present office lease at the end of 1925, a Special Committee was appointed to consider all matters that it may deem to have a bearing on the question of the future of the Association, and to report to the Annual Meeting of 1925 or to an Extraordinary General Meeting to be convened for the purpose of receiving the Committee's Report.

The President *(ex-officio)* and Messrs. Applebaum, Boll, Edmonds, Fairman, Holmes, Long, Page, Robertson, and Sturge, were elected to the Committee.

Konstanta Reprezentantaro. It was reported that the Council had decided to pay to the Treasurer of the K.R. a membership subscription for 1924 calculated on the basis of one-tenth of the U.E.A. subscription for Great Britain for each member of the B.E.A. (viz., 1200 members 6d. = £30). On the motion of Mr. Warden the Annual Meeting expressed approval of this action.

Helsinki Contract. Mr. Edmonds moved, and Mr. Wadham seconded:—"That the Association approves the following alteration of the Contract of Helsinki, namely, that Article 4 be altered to read as follows:—'C.K. arranges the Universal Congresses, and entrusts the local arrangements to a local organising committee.'"

It was reported that the Council had passed the following resolution on the subject:—

"The Council accepts in principle, and recommends to the Annual Meeting for definite confirmation, the proposed alteration of Article 4 of the Contract of Helsinki as drawn up at Geneva."

Mr. Warden objected that the motion arose from a misinterpretation of the definition in the Helsinki Contract of the powers of the K.R., and was entirely outside the powers of the B.E.A. He therefore asked the meeting to pass on to the next business.

Mr. Merchant, Mr. Edmonds, and Mr. Wadham supported the motion. Mr. Applebaum suggested that it be withdrawn for the present, as of too great importance to be settled without further consideration. It was pointed out, however, that full details had been properly circulated. After further discussion a poll was demanded, and on this being taken, the motion was carried by 41 votes to 31.

Co-operation of B.E.A. and U.E.A. Mr. Edmonds moved and Mr. Wadham seconded, in accordance with notice given:—

"That this Association accepts the principle agreed to by K.R. with reference to the collection of subscriptions for the U.E.A. by the National Societies, and empowers the Council to endeavour to carry it into effect so far as the B.E.A. is concerned."

The Secretary reported that since this motion was placed on the Agenda the Council had considered the matter in common with other matters arising out of the

Geneva Conference of K.R. and U.E.A., and had passed the following resolution :—

"The Council accepts in principle the proposal made at the meeting in Geneva, by which the B.E.A. would have 'national' and 'international' members, the former paying an annual subscription of 10/- and the latter an annual subscription of £1, half of which £1 would be sent to Geneva as a subscription for Member-subscriber of the U.E.A."

Mr. Warden, Mr. Butler, and others, spoke on the question of the use by the U.E.A. of names of countries which did not conform with the recommendations of the Lingva Komitato, and urged that Official Institutions should set an example in discipline in these matters.

Mr. Butler then moved and Mr. Warden seconded, the following amendment :—

"That the following words be added to the resolution—'provided that the U.E.A. in its official publications return to the usage of the Fundamento as regards land-names, in conformity with the recommendations of the Lingva Komitato.'"

Mr. Edmonds summarised the position with regard to the land-names controversy, urging members to appreciate the difficulties of the situation. He proposed, and Miss C. O. Taylor seconded, as an alternative amendment designed to reconcile the conflicting views on the subject :—

"That the following words be added to the resolution—'The Council, however, is instructed to make it a point in any negotiations with the U.E.A., that they, in conjunction with the B E.A., endeavour to arrange that the Lingva Komitato set up a list of names of countries permissible under the present ruling of the Lingva Komitato, and agree to accept in advance the decisions of the Lingva Komitata, whatever they may be. This condition may be waived at the discretion of the Council if the Lingva Komitato should definitely refuse to set up such a list.'"

On being put to the Meeting this Amendment was accepted by a large majority. The original resolution was then put with the addition, and was carried.

Place of next Annual General Meeting. There being no invitation before the meeting, this matter was referred to the Council for decision.

Literary Competitions, 1923-24. Mr. Edmonds, speaking on behalf of Mr. Shelton, the Secretary of the B.E.A. Literary Committee, reported that in the Literary Competitions just closed, the following prizes had been awarded :—

(a) *Translation from English Prose :*
1. Miss C. O. Taylor (Coventry), Aneurin Williams Prize of 30/-.
2. Miss L. M. Deane (Broadstone), B.E.A. Literary Committee Prize of 20/-.

(b) *Original Story in Esperanto :*
1. Miss Helena Hempel (Lemberg, Poland), John Ellis Prize of 30/-.
2. N. M. Medousov (Tambov, Russia), B.E.A. Literary Committee Prize of 20/-.

(c) *Original Article in Esperanto :*
1. Miss Helena Hempel (Lemberg, Poland), B.E.A. Literary Committee Prize of 10/-.
2. Jozef Major (Budapest, Hungary), B.E.A. Literary Prize of 10/-.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Meeting of Council held in the Freemasons' Hall, Chester, at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on the 7th June, 1924.

Present: The President (Mr. Merchant) in the Chair. Mrs. Clayton, Miss C. O. Taylor, Messrs. Applebaum, Blaise, Boll, Clayton, Edmonds, Fairman, Holmes, and Col. Robinson.
In attendance: The Secretary.

Owing to the lateness of the hour it was decided to adjourn the meeting to the following day at the same place.

The adjourned Meeting took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Chester on the 8th June, 1924.

Present: The President (Mr. Merchant) in the Chair. Mrs Clayton, Misses Mary E. Parker and C. O. Taylor, Messrs. Applebaum, Birkett, Boll, Clayton, Edmonds, Fairman, Harvey, Holmes, Long, Rhodes Marriett, Robinson, Wadham.
In attendance: Mr. Robertson (by invitation).

Minutes. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Apology for absence. An apology for absence was read from Mr. H. A. Luyken.

Sennacieca Asocio Tutmonda. Mr. Edmonds, acting on behalf of the Secretary (absent owing to another meeting), reported that following on the resolution relating to S.A.T. passed at the preceding meeting of the Council, a resolution had been received from the St. Rollox Co-operative Group (affiliated) : "Ke ni, la geanoj de la St. Rollox Grupo, protestas kontraŭ la decido de la B.E.A. rilate al S.A.T., kaj petas, ke la Konsilantaro rekonsideru tiun decidon."

After discussion it was decided to reply that the matter was very thoroughly considered by the Council before any action was taken, and in the absence of any new information the Council could see no reason to alter its decision. If the St. Rollox Group Delegate Councillor would attend a meeting of the Council, the Council would be pleased to hear him on the matter.

Standing Committees. The following Committees were elected for the year 1924-5 :—

Executive Committee. The President, The Hon. Secretary, The Hon. Treasurer, Miss Blake, Messrs. Long, Robertson, and Yelland.

Meetings to be held monthly. No quorum fixed.

Propaganda Committee. The President, Hon. Secretary, Messrs. Applebaum, Boll, Wadham, Yelland. Mr. Butler, in his capacity as Organiser, to act as Secretary to the Committee. The Committee to have power to co-opt and to appeal for money in the name of the Association.

Publications Committee. Messrs. Clayton, Edmonds, Page, Robertson, and Yelland, with power to co-opt one member and to elect its own Secretary.

Examinations Committee. Mr. Harvey (Secretary) Mrs. Senior, Misses Baird and Caw, Mr. Page, with power to co-opt one member. This Committee was authorised to act in conjunction with the international organisation of the Movement so far as examinations were concerned.

Instruction Committee. It was decided not to re-appoint a Correspondence Course Committee, but to appoint an Instruction Committee to deal with the Correspondence Courses and all other matters relating to the instruction of Esperanto. This Committee was authorised to act in conjunction with the international organisation of the movement so far as instruction was concerned.

The Committee appointed was: Mrs. Clayton (Secretary), Miss Waddy, Mr. Clayton and Mr. G. D. Lewis, with power to co-opt. It was decided that tutors required for the Correspondence Courses from time to time should be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Committee in a similar manner to Special Examiners.

Literary Committee. Mr. Shelton (Secretary), Messrs. Edmonds, Harvey and Long, with power to co-opt.

Censor Committee. Mrs. Clayton (Secretary), Messrs. Harvey, Millidge, Nicholl, and Warden. The Committee to work as a Panel of Censors, and in the event of any dispute between the Publications Committee or other Committee or the Author of any work, and any one Censor, the print at issue to be referred to a Board of any other three Censors.

Congress Committee. Mr. Long (Secretary), Messrs. Harvey and Holmes.

Pointer Fund Trustees. Messrs. Chatterton, Clayton, and Fairman.

Election of Fellows. Mr. Fred Hadfield (Huddersfield) and Mr. George Probert (Bedworth), were unanimously elected Fellows of the Association by ballot.

Other Matters. Other matters, arising from minutes etc., were left to the following meeting.

The British Esperanto Association (Inc.),

17 HART STREET, LONDON, W.C. 1.

Official Notices.

NEW HON. PRESIDENT.

J. M. WARDEN, *Edinburgh.*

NEW HON. FELLOW.

WON KENN, *Lyon.*

NEW FELLOWS.

FRED. HADFIELD, *Huddersfield;* GEORGE PROBERT, *Bedworth.*

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

HERBERT L. ELVIN, 7 Canvey Road, Leigh, Essex; Rev. JAMES JACK, Ryde House, Newchurch-in-Rossendale, Waterfoot; JOHN MEAL, 9 Cross Hills, Halifax; R. J. P. MORTISHED, 32 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin; Mrs. S. L. O'FERRALL, The Vicarage, Chesterfield; CECIL V. POLLETT, 6 Edith Road, London, W.14; Rev. CANON F. L. SHAW, The Vicarage, Chesterfield; Miss JANE B. PARTRIDGE, Wellfield, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Glos.; ROBERT JACKSON, Avenham, Dee Banks, Chester; REV. JOSEPH R. RUSHTON, West End, Willington, Durham.

GUARANTORS, 1924. (Minimum required: £500).

	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward (corrected) ...	418	9	6
Accrington Esp. Soc.		5	0
Alker, J., St. Helens		5	0
Applebaum, J. D., (Total £8) ...	2	0	0
Applebaum, Mrs., Liverpool ...		10	0
Applebaum, Rita ,, ...		5	0
Applebaum, Ronjo ,, ...		10	0
Arnold, Miss, Belfast		10	0
Boll, H., London		5	0
Foster, Miss E., Belfast ...		10	0
Frankland, Miss C. M., Wallasey		10	0
Gibson, Miss T., Belfast ...		10	0
Hailstone, Mrs., Coventry ...		5	0
Harris, C., Liverpool		5	0
Hawkesworth, Miss K., Harrogate		5	0
Hunter, Miss M., Edinburgh	1	0	0
Hurley, Miss, Burnley		5	0
Ibbetson, Miss L., Sheffield ...		10	0
Jones, C. J., St. Helens ...		5	0
Leeds Esp. Soc.	2	0	0
Luyken, H. A., London ...		10	0
McCullough, Miss S., Belfast (Total £2)	1	0	0
Megahy, B. P., (Total £20) ...	10	0	0
Megahy, Mrs. S., (Total £2)	1	0	0
Merrick, Ges., Shepperton ...	1	0	0
Mitchell, Miss E., Eastbourne (Total £1 10)		10	0
Pope, F. R., St. Helens ...	1	0	0
Pratt, W. J., Dundee	1	0	0
Savage, Ges., Blackburn ...	1	0	0
Smith, Thos., Stockport (Total £1)		15	0
South London Esp. Soc. ...		10	0
Sturge, W. H., Birmingham (Total £10)	5	0	0
Wisbech Esp. Soc.	1	0	0
Phipps, W. G., Cheltenham ...		5	0
Merchant, J., (Total £25) ...	5	0	0
Marriott, Rhodes, Manchester ...	3	3	0
Robertson, R., (Total £2 10) ...		10	0
Clark, W. T., Broughton ...	1	0	0
Coombe, J. N., Worthing ...	1	0	0
Jarrett, M., Caterham		5	0
Lawton, E. H., Aberdeen ...		10	0
Roffey, S. C., London ...		5	0
Stevenson, R., Ardeer ...	1	0	0
Sturge, Miss S. M., Birmingham	1	0	0
Swan, Miss A. M., Liverpool ...	1	0	0
	£468	7	6

DONATIONS (To June 30, 1924).

Guarantee Supplementary Fund:

£5.—Miss P. H. Peckover, Mrs. Pollen.

£3.—J. F. Dinslage.

£2.—T. J. Gueritte, R. Stevenson, W. Chitty.

£1 15.—Ges. and Misses Stacy.

£1 1.—Dr. R. H. Crowley, Esperantisto 8820.

£1.—W. T. Clark, C. A. Fairman, Nemo.

10/-.—E. H. Lawton, B. F. White, H. R. Callagan, C. T. Simpson Miss Wickelgren, Mrs. A. Fisher, Miss R. A. Johns, Miss M. E. Berry, N. E. Preston, Hobart Esp. Soc., L. Evans.

5/-.—Miss K. Stevens, A. Higginson, F. Freedman, M. Jarrett, J. Le Blond.

2/6.—Miss E. A. Lawrence, F. G. Rowe, C. Steel, J. Dony, W. G. Phipps, Miss E. Pearson, F. H. Beckwith, F. Hancock.

In last month's list J. Hartley should read 10/- instead of 2/6.

Propaganda Fund: Miss Thorpe 9/-. T. Riley 8/10, Rev. T. W. Roff, 5/-.

EXAMINATIONS

Will be held at the Offices of the Association, 17 Hart Street, London, W.C. 1., as follows:—

Preliminary: Monday, 4th Aug., 6.30 to 8. *Fee,* 1/6.

Advanced: Tuesday, 5th August, 6 to 9. *Fee,* 3/-.

Candidates should give notice of intention to attend.

MONTAGU C. BUTLER, *Secretary.*

PASSED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

*Mrs. E. H. Looker, *Kingston-on-Thames;* Cecil M. Frankland, *Wallasey;* *Charles Harris, *Liverpool;* Herbert Davies, Alfred Barton, *Frank Pope, *St. Helens;* *Ernest Riding, *Cloughfold, Manchester;* *John Parkinson, *Clayton le Moors;* Hester Holt, Harry Beardsworth, Alice Holt, Samuel S. Frost, *Rev. James Jack, *Harold Whittaker, *Waterfoot, Manchester;* *Mrs. Rita Macaulay, *Burntisland, Fifeshire.*

*Denotes that candidate has passed with distinction.

WM. HARVEY, Hon. Sec.

21st June, 1924. Examination Committee.

VARIOUS.

Apology. Several items are held over owing to pressure on space. Matter for the August issue should reach the B.E.A. by July 25.

B.E.A. Congress in Chester. An interesting report with illustrations appears in the June and July issues of *International Language.*

London Esperantists visit Hampton Court on July 26th. Moat Entrance, 3.0. Waterloo, 1/7 return.

The French Esperanto Congress will take place in Strasbourg on Aug. 2-4.

Open-air Propaganda. Now is the time! Mr. Yelland and helpers sold books to the value 28/- in one day in a London park. Sow the seeds now for next winter's classes.

Welcome to Baildon Esperanto Society just affiliated. Sec., J. Dyer, 1 East Parade.

Lancashire and Cheshire Federation. The next Conference will take place at Hill End Guest House, near Burnley, Sept. 20-21.

B.E.A. Library. Sincere thanks to Mr. J. Weatherill for a complete set of Scienca Gazeto.

Sewell, Presisto, Deal.